

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, claim 4, 5 and 6 have been combined and it has been further specified that the window pane drive mechanism consists essentially of a motor and a single drive cable which traverses only two pulleys. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable over the newly cited Sponable reference, either alone or when combined with the German patent to Hopper.

In the present invention, the cable acts directly on the window pane and there are no sliding members. The construction is quite simple, avoiding the use of intermediate parts. In Sponable, the window pane drive mechanism must include "means operative in response to movement of the cable to raise and lower the window pane." Such means comprise a linkage which includes an angled lever arm mounted for pivotal movement to which the cable is connected. In some embodiments, the linkage includes a second angled lever arm. The possible presence of such a means/linkage/lever arm(s) is excluded from the present claims by the "consisting essentially of" language. Accordingly, the claims are not anticipated by Sponable. Since there is no suggesting of somehow removing the means/linkage/lever arm(s), the construction set forth in the claims is also unobvious.

The German reference has been cited only to show a lock mechanism interconnected to the drive mechanism. As such, it cannot serve to cure the deficiencies in Sponable.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition to be allowed and the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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